

...THE OWL,
NOW A TITAN,
CRUSHED
THEIR STEAM
SHIPS INTO
DUST, WHICH
HE SPREAD
ACROSS THE
OCEAN.

AROUND
THE TIME
THE
SOLDIERS
RAN OUT OF
AMMUNI-
TION...



SOON HE'D
SQUEEZED
THE
SOLDIERS
THEMSELVES
DRY AND
THROWN
THEM
INTO THE
OCEAN,
TOO...



...LIKE
DISCARDED
PIECES OF
FRUIT.

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I
SUPPOSE
I NEED
TO
EXPLAIN
TO YOU
WHAT
THE
OCEAN
IS.

IT'S A
LARGE
BODY OF
SALT WATER
THAT
COVERS
SEVEN-
TENTHS
OF THE
WORLD'S
SURFACE.



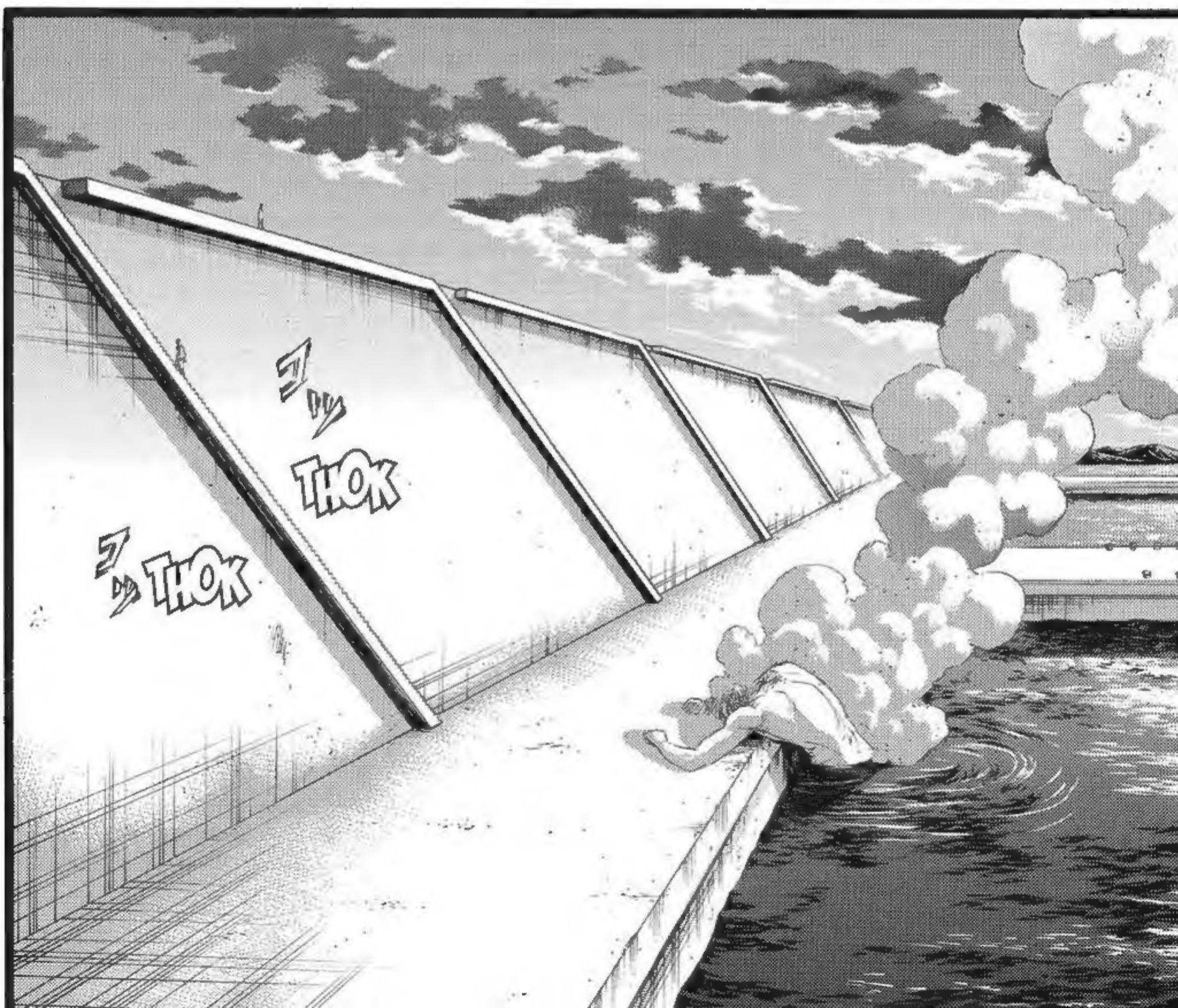
EVERY
TRACE
THAT
THEY
EVER
EXISTED
HERE ON
THIS
ISLAND...

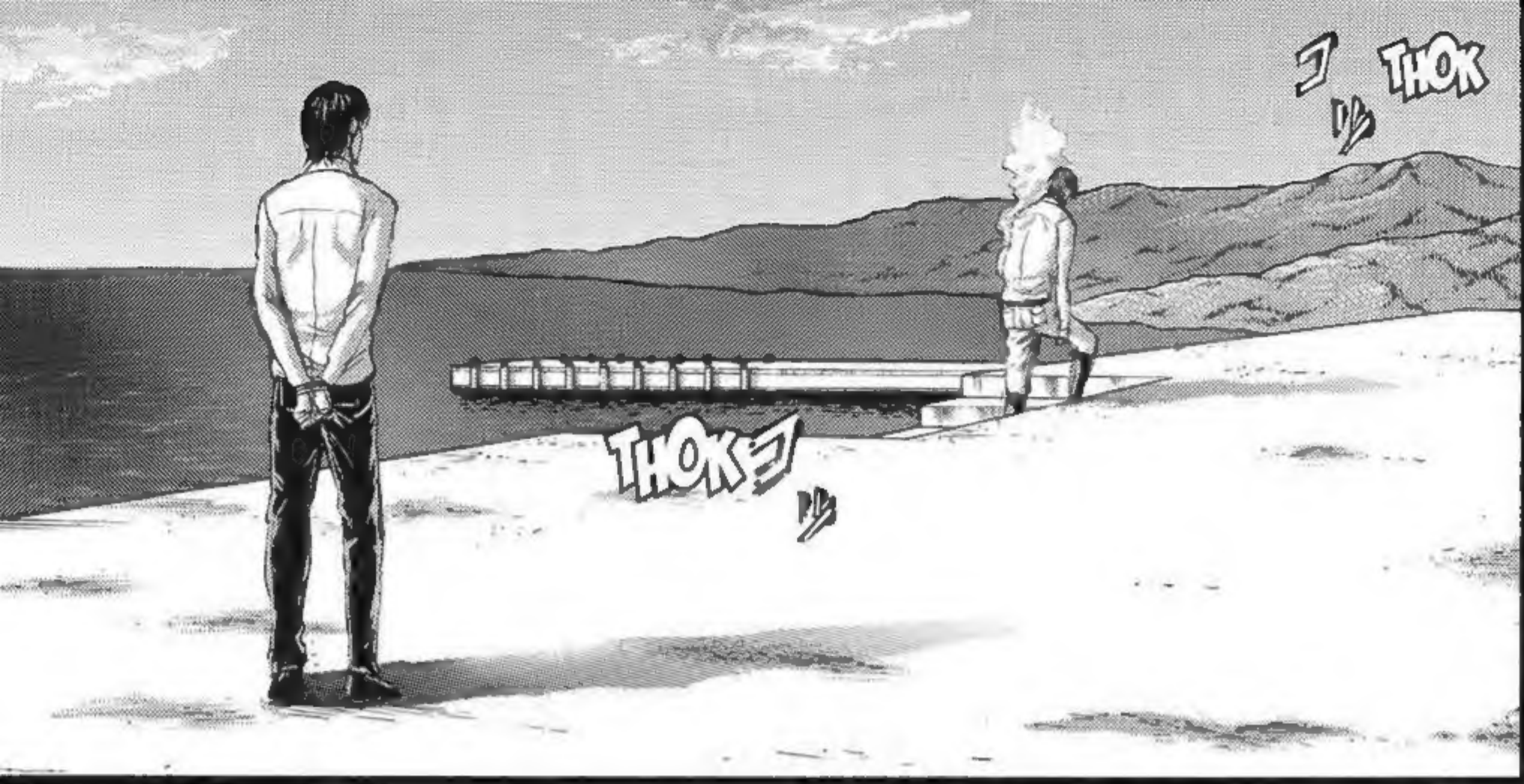


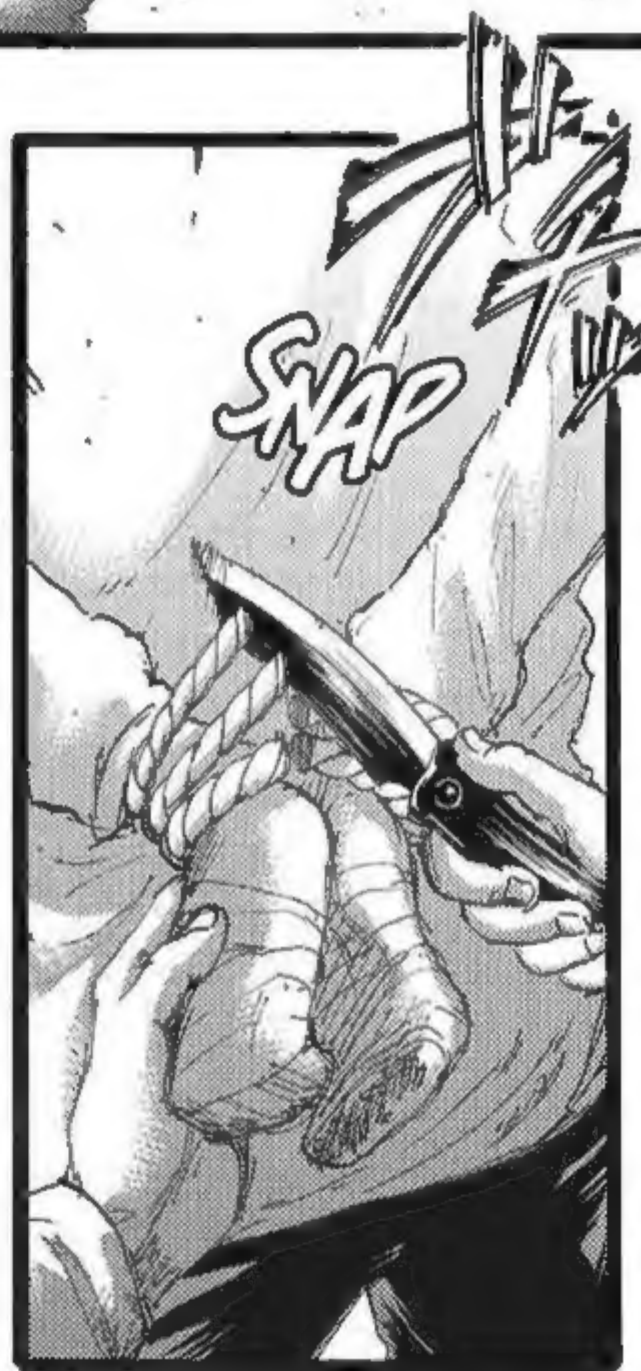
SO THE STEAM
SHIPS THE MARLEY
PUBLIC SECURITY
AUTHORITIES USED
TO TAKE US HERE,
AND EVERYTHING
THOSE SOLDIERS
CARRIED—

...HAD
VANISHED,
ENGULFED
IN THE
OCEAN.













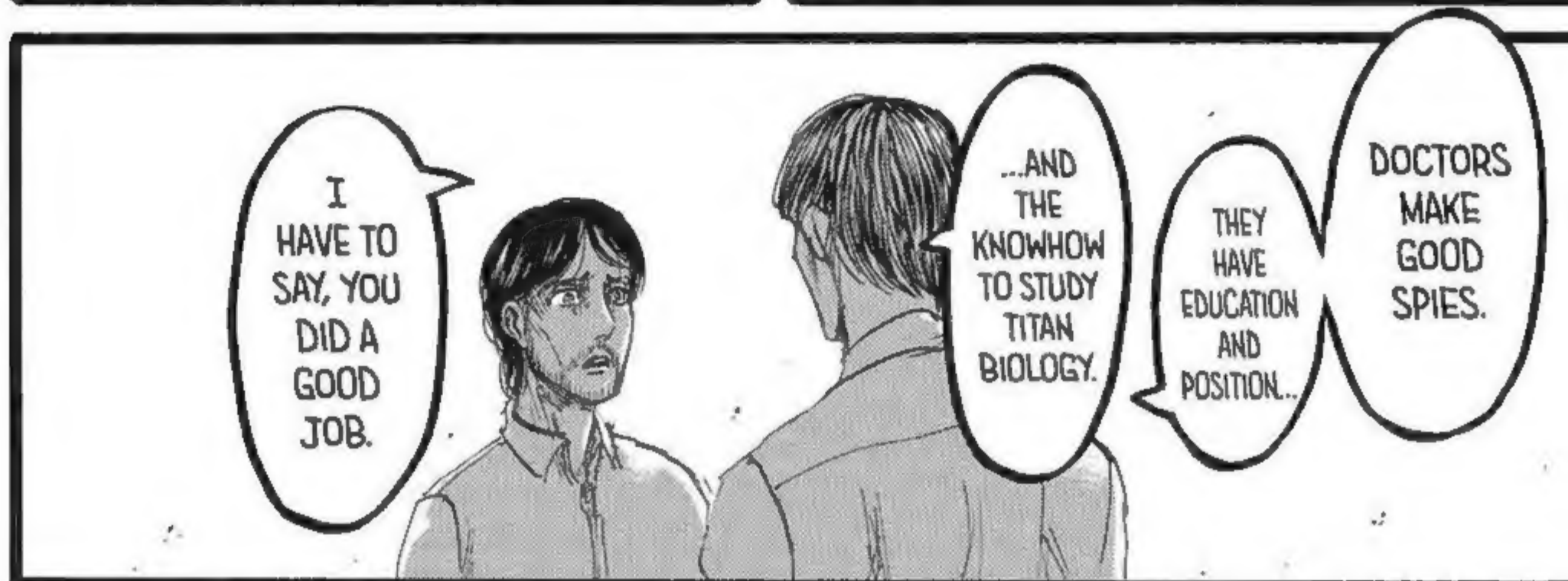
HE TOO WAS A SUBJECT OF YMIR. HE HAD FALSIFIED HIS OWN MEDICAL RECORDS TO POSE AS A MARLEYAN.

I JUST FOUND A COOPERATIVE DOCTOR.



BUT... WHAT ABOUT THE BLOOD TESTS?!

SO YOU PRETENDED TO BE A MARLEYAN TO INFILTRATE THE GOVERNMENT...?



I HAVE TO SAY, YOU DID A GOOD JOB.

...AND THE KNOWHOW TO STUDY TITAN BIOLOGY.

THEY HAVE EDUCATION AND POSITION...

DOCTORS MAKE GOOD SPIES.



IT WAS A REALISTIC PLAN, CONSIDERING THE SUPPORT YOU WOULD HAVE HAD FROM ME.

EVEN YOUR PLOT TO MAKE ZEKE INTO A MARLEY SOLDIER.

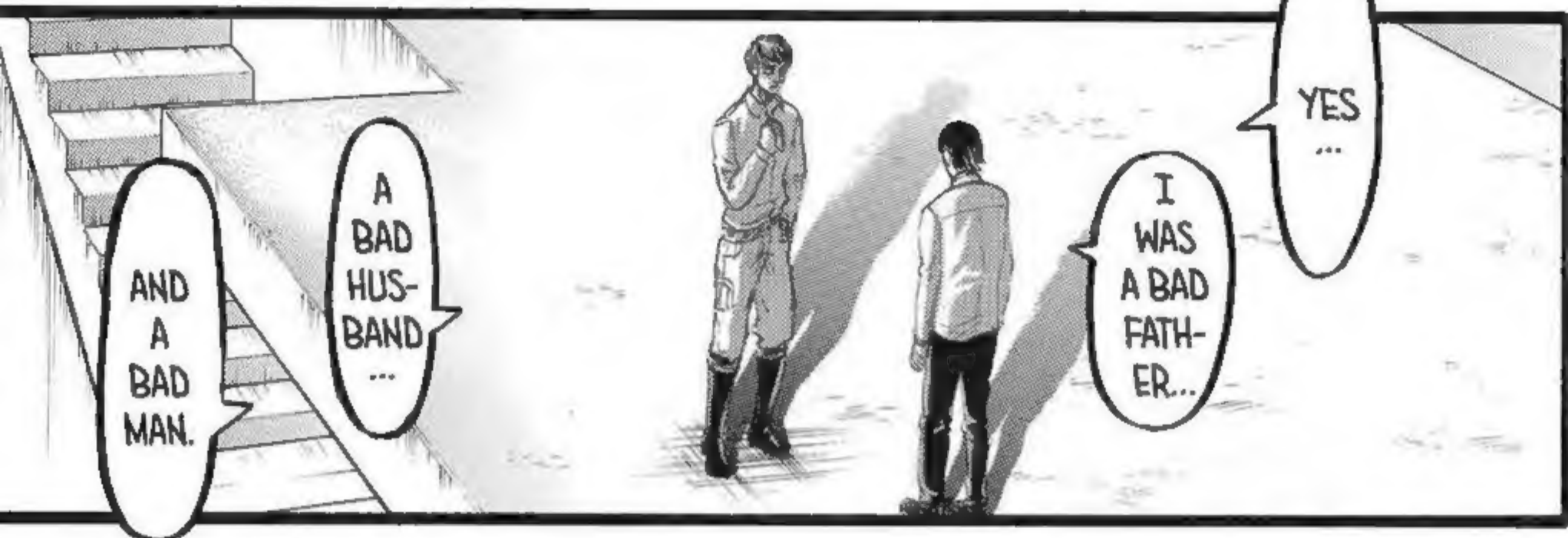
...AND EVEN PRODUCED AN HEIR WITH DINA FRITZ.

YOU LED THE RESTORATIONISTS AT A YOUNG AGE...



THE RESULTS WERE JUST AS GRICE LAMENTED, WEREN'T THEY?

BUT IN THE END...



WASN'T IT
OBVIOUS? EVEN
OUR ELDIAN
CHILDREN KNOW
THAT FROM THEIR
MARLEY HISTORY
TEXTBOOKS.

SHE
COULD
MAKE
FULL USE
OF THE
POWER
OF THE
TITANS.

...SHE WAS
A SUBJECT
OF YMIR WITH
ROYAL BLOOD.
SHE WAS
SPECIAL.

DINA
...



...
YOU
ARE
RIGHT.



DINA
WOULDN'T
HAVE HAD TO
COME HERE
AND BE
TURNED INTO A
MINDLESS
MONSTER...

IF YOU
HADN'T
SUP-
PRESSED
THAT
FACT...AT
THE VERY
LEAST...



WHY AM I
THE ONLY
ONE YOU
KEPT
ALIVE?!

ANSWER
ME,
OWL
!!

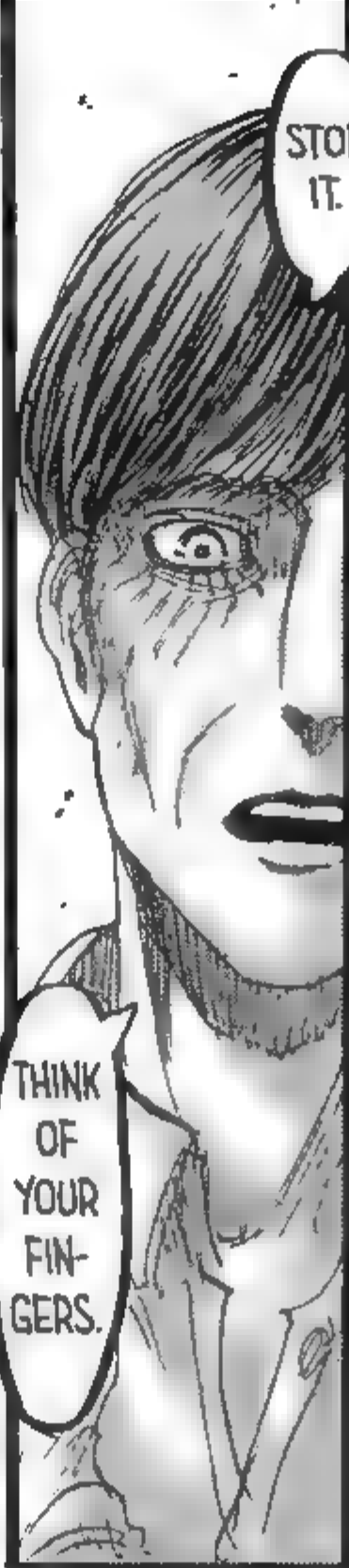
SNATCH





OH,
THAT'S
TOO
KIND
OF
YOU!

THOUGH YOU
DIDN'T SEEM
QUITE AS
CONCERNED
ABOUT MY
FINGERS WHEN
THEY WERE
CUTTING
THEM OFF!



STOP
IT.

THINK
OF
YOUR
FIN-
GERS.



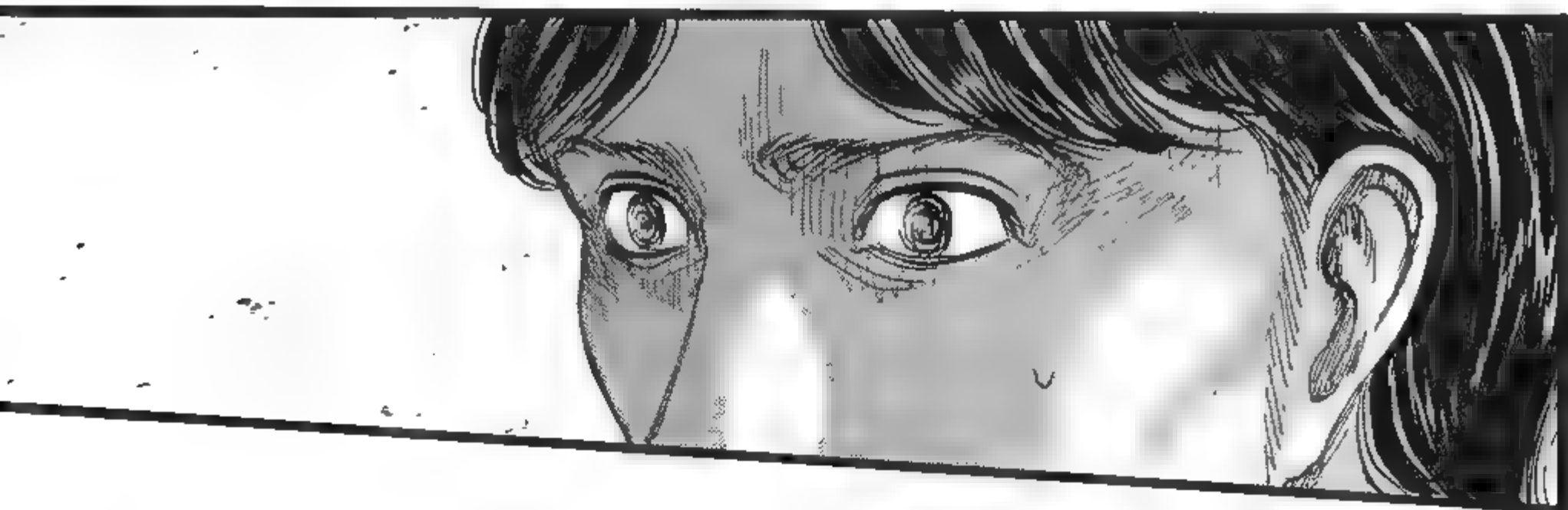
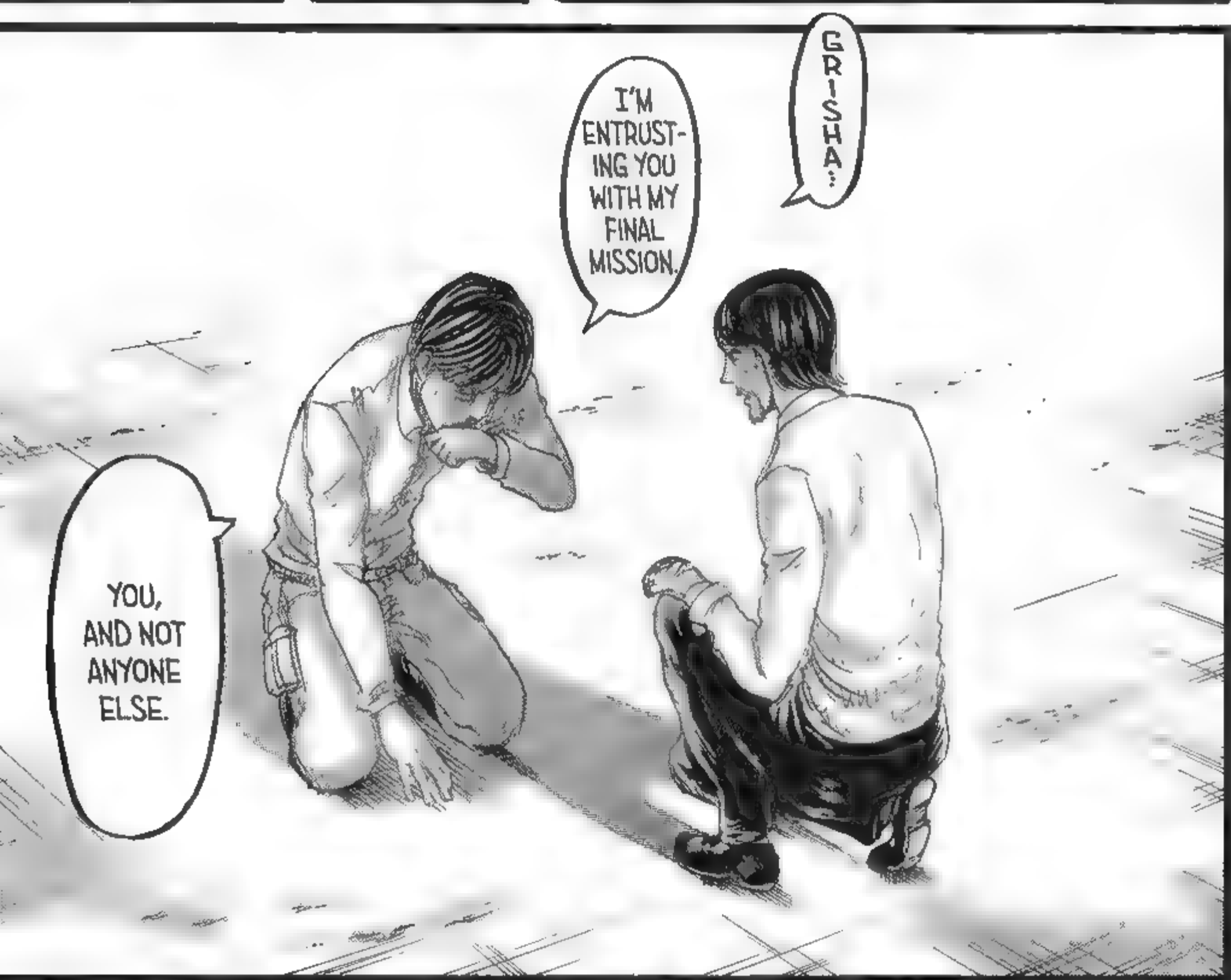
TELL ME!!
WHY
DIDN'T
YOU DO
ANY-
THING?!

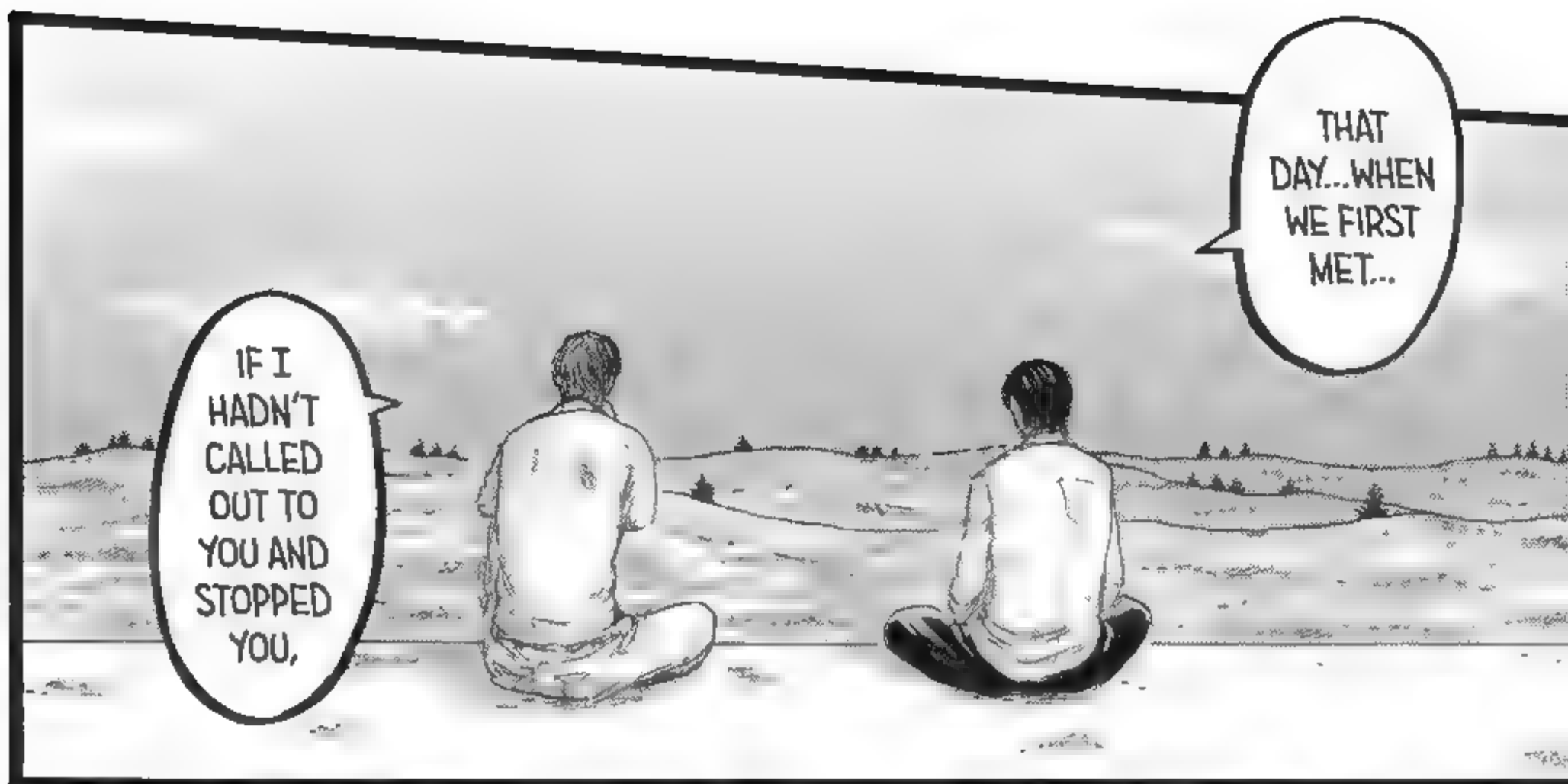
WHAT
PURPOSE
DID IT
SERVE
TURNING
THE ELDIA
RESTORA-
TIONISTS
INTO
TITANS?!



COULDN'T
YOU HAVE KEPT
EVERYONE
FROM
BECOMING
TITANS IF
YOU'D GONE ON
YOUR LITTLE
RAMPAGE
EARLIER?







IF I
HADN'T
CALLED
OUT TO
YOU AND
STOPPED
YOU,

THAT
DAY...WHEN
WE FIRST
MET...



...I THINK
IT'S MORE
LIKELY THAT
I WOULD
HAVE BEEN
KILLED
ALONGSIDE
HER.



YOU MAY
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO
SAVE YOUR
SISTER.



...WOULD
HAVE NEVER
HATED
MARLEY AS
MUCH AS
YOU DO
NOW.

YOU
PROBA-
BLY...



BUT IN ANY
CASE, IF THAT
HAD NEVER
HAPPENED...

IT PUTS
ME AT
EASE TO
KNOW
YOU
THINK
THAT...



THAT'S WHY
YOU PICKED
ME?

AND
...

...

IT'S
PART
OF IT.

FOR
THE
STATE.

YOUR
HATE...

FOR
YOUR
FATH-
ER.

THAT
HATE I SAW
IN YOUR
EYES COULD
HAVE
BURNED THE
WORLD TO
ASHES.

AND
FOR
YOUR-
SELF...



I WAS
ONCE
THAT
WAY,
TOO.

BUT
THEY
WEREN'T
ABLE TO
DO A
THING.

IN THE
END, THEY
WERE ALL
BURNED
ALIVE WITH
THEIR
FAMILIES.


THE
MEMBERS
OF THE ROYAL
FAMILY WHO
STAYED ON THE
CONTINENT
FORMED A
INSURGENT
FORCE, AND MY
FATHER
JOINED.



I WAS
TOO
SCARED
TO DO
ANY-
THING
ELSE.

I WAS
JUST A CHILD.
ALL I COULD DO
WAS WATCH
THROUGH A
CRACK IN THE
CLOSET
DOOR.





I SWORE TO
GET REVENGE
ON MARLEY AND
TO RESTORE
ELDIA.

MY FATHER'S
FRIENDS SAVED
ME JUST BEFORE
MY HOME
BURNED DOWN...
AFTER THAT...




MY
FULL
DEVO-
TION TO
THAT...

...IS WHAT
KEPT MY
IDENTITY
FROM BEING
REVEALED
UNTIL
TODAY.



...TO
KICK
THEM DOWN
FROM HERE
AND TURN
THEM INTO
TITANS.

BUT TO
DO THAT, I HAD
TO TAKE THE
FINGERS OF THE
PEOPLE I WANTED
TO PROTECT...
TO SKIN THEM
ALIVE...



I'M JUST
LOOKING OUT
INTO THE
WORLD FROM
A CRACK IN A
CLOSET
DOOR...

...THE
SAME
AS
THEN.

...
MAYBE
I'M
STILL
...






A close-up of two men. On the left, a man with dark hair and a beard looks towards the right. On the right, a man with short hair is shown in profile, looking towards the left.

BECAUSE
MY GOAL WAS
TO RAISE THE
MORALE OF THE
RESTORATION-
ISTS.


I HAVEN'T
TOLD YOU
EVERYTHING I
KNOW.

A wide shot of two men sitting on a long, low wall. The man on the left is kneeling, and the man on the right is sitting. In the background, there is a body of water and a bridge.

...WILL
DIE IN
THIR-
TEEN
YEARS.

ANYONE
WHO
INHERITS
THE
POWER OF
ONE OF
THE
TITANS...

AND I
INHERITED
IT
THIRTEEN
YEARS
AGO.

A close-up of a man's face. He has a beard and is looking directly at the viewer with a serious expression.


YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN SO
EAGER TO HAVE
ZEKE OR DINA TAKE
ON THE FOUNDING
TITAN'S
POWERS.

IF YOU
HAD
KNOWN
THAT...



THE
"CURSE
OF
YMir."

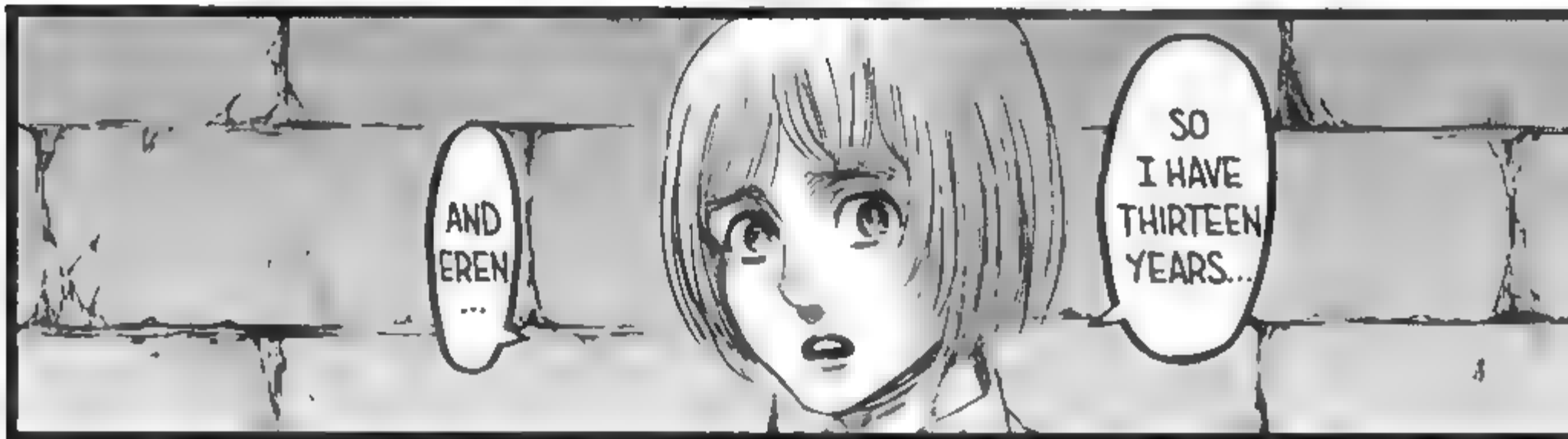
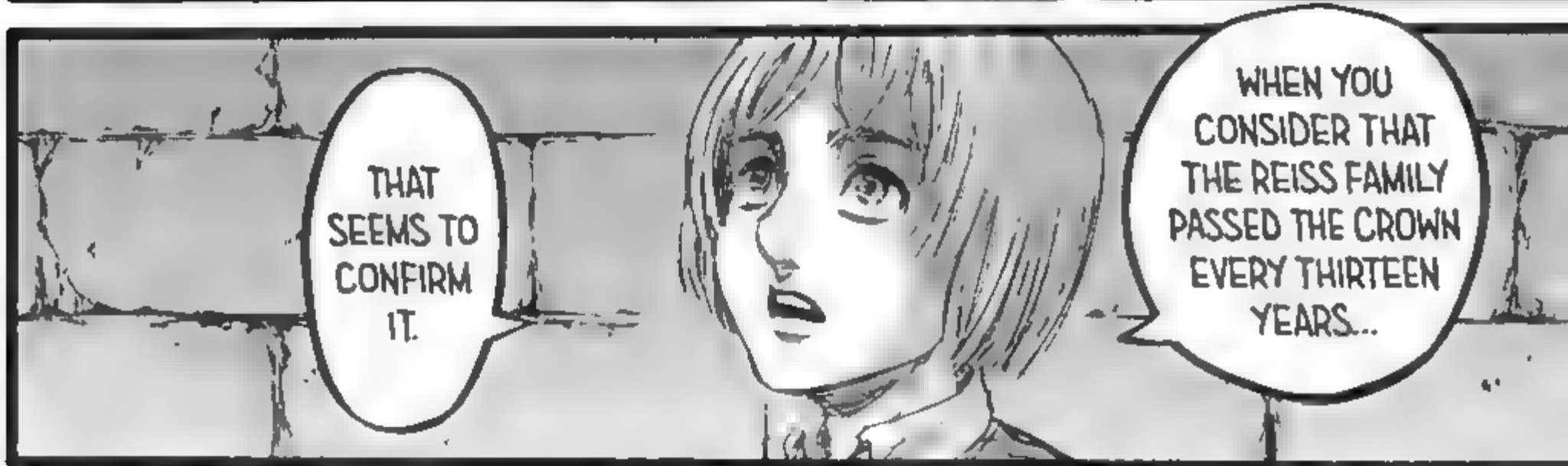
THE
OWL
CALLED
IT...



IT'S
BECAUSE THEY
SAY YMir, THE
FOUNDING TITAN,
DIED THIRTEEN
YEARS AFTER FIRST
AWAKENING TO HER
POWERS.

SO WHEN
THAT TIME
CLOSES IN, YOUR
BODY WEAKENS...
AS THE VESSEL
FINISHES
SERVING ITS
PURPOSE.

AND
NO ONE'S
POWER CAN
EXCEED
HERS.



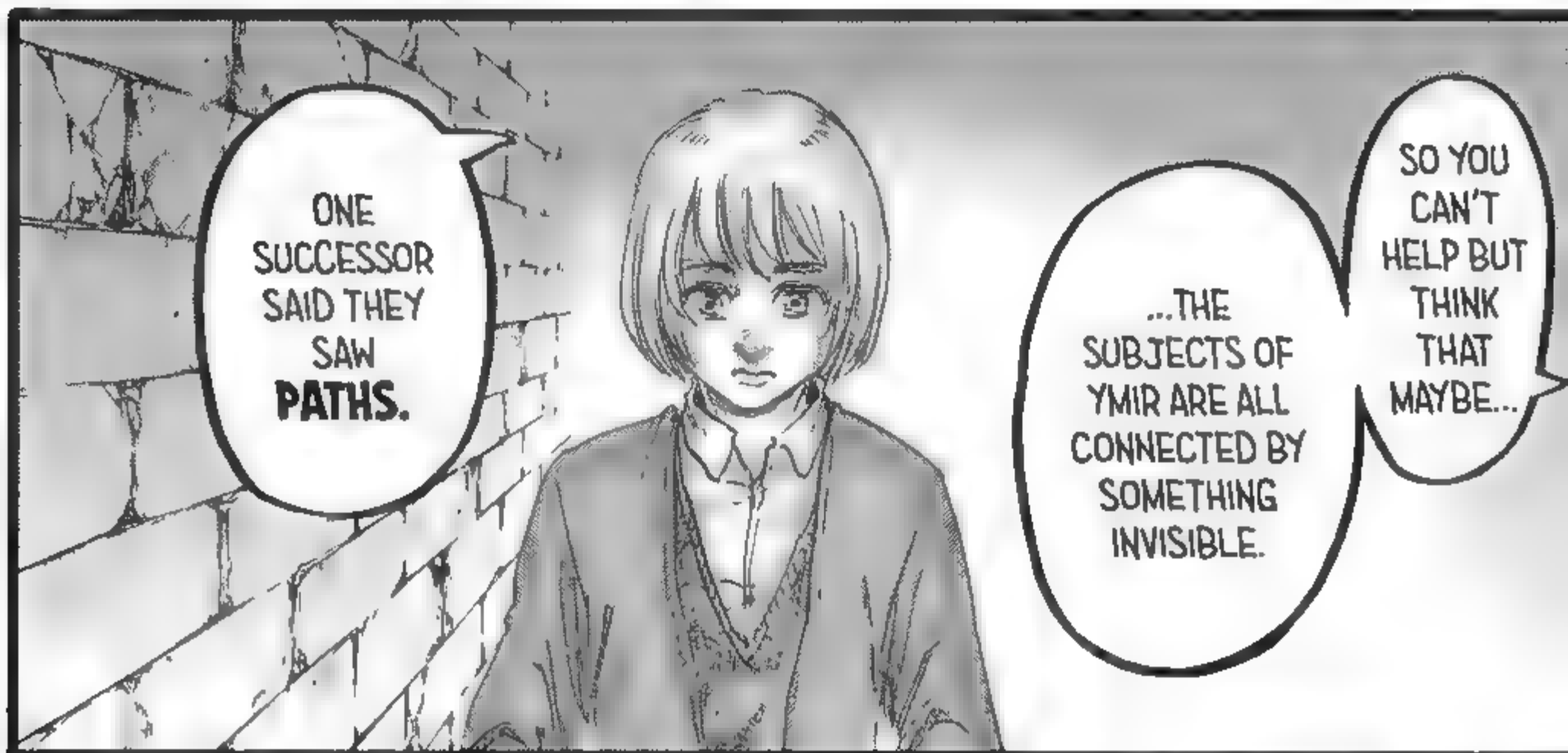




AND
NEITHER
DO BLOOD
RELATIONS.

DISTANCE
PLAYS NO
FACTOR IN
THIS AT
ALL...

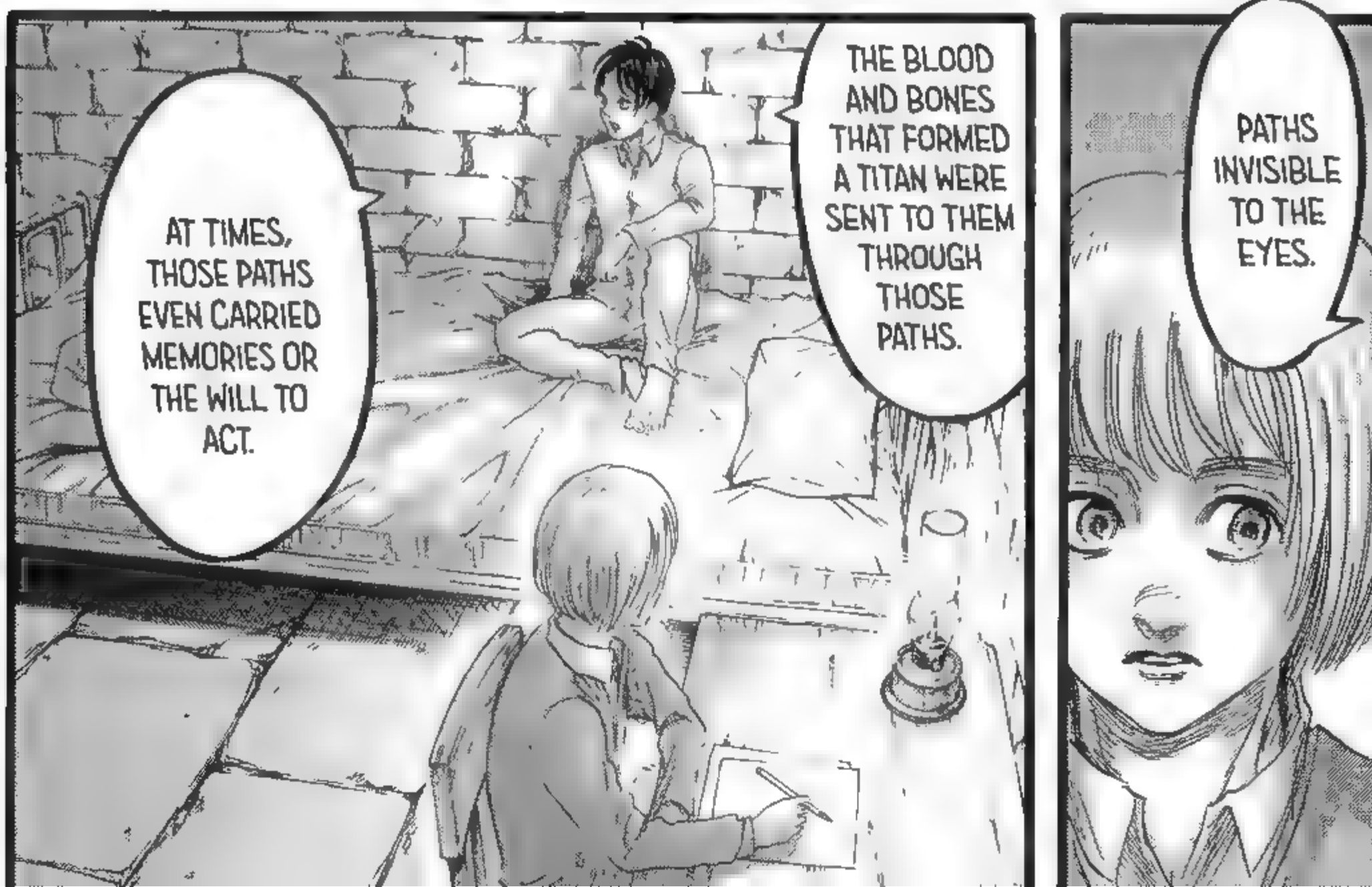
THEN
THE POWER OF
THAT TITAN
IS SUDDENLY
INHERITED BY A
BABY BELONGING
TO THE
SUBJECTS OF
YMIR.



ONE
SUCCESSOR
SAID THEY
SAW
PATHS.

...THE
SUBJECTS OF
YMIR ARE ALL
CONNECTED BY
SOMETHING
INVISIBLE.


SO YOU
CAN'T
HELP BUT
THINK
THAT
MAYBE...



AT TIMES,
THOSE PATHS
EVEN CARRIED
MEMORIES OR
THE WILL TO
ACT.

THE BLOOD
AND BONES
THAT FORMED
A TITAN WERE
SENT TO THEM
THROUGH
THOSE
PATHS.

PATHS
INVISIBLE
TO THE
EYES.




IN
OTHER
WORDS,
THAT...

AND
ALL OF THOSE
PATHS CROSS
AT A SINGLE
COORDINATE.




...IS THE
FOUNDING
TITAN.



THAT IS THE
MOST RECENT
THEORY POSITED
BY THE MARLEY
GOVERNMENT'S
TITAN BIOLOGY
RESEARCH
SOCIETY.

THROUGH
PATHS
THAT
TRANSCEND
PHYSICAL
SPACE.


ALL TITANS...
ALL SUBJECTS
OF YMIR ARE
CONNECTED TO
THAT
COORDINATE.



SO WHICH IS IT?!

AND THAT OUR ANCESTOR, YMIR, WAS A WITCH ALL ALONG?


...SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT MAGIC EXISTS?




TO THE ELDIAN EMPIRE, SHE WAS A GOD-GIVEN MIRACLE.



THE MARLEYAN AUTHORITIES CALL HER A PAWN OF THE DEVIL.



SO THEN WHAT IS THE TRUTH? WHAT IS OUR REAL HISTORY?



WERE ALL OF THOSE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS YOU SENT US NOTHING MORE THAN FUEL FOR OUR MORALE, TOO?!



...HUH?

THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THAT, TOO.



...OUR ANCESTOR YMIR TOUCHED THE SOURCE OF ALL LIVING MATTER."

"WHEN SHE WAS A GIRL..."



ALL IT TAKES IS FOR SOMEONE TO CLAIM IT FOR IT TO BE TRUE.

ANYONE CAN BECOME A GOD OR A DEVIL.

THAT IS OUR REALITY.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TRUTH IN THIS WORLD.



OUR ANCESTOR, YMIR, BROUGHT US NOTHING BUT WEALTH WITH THE POWER OF THE TITANS?

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ANY HUMAN I'VE EVER HEARD OF.

IF THAT WERE TRUE, THERE WOULDN'T BE A STRAND OF MARLEYAN HAIR LEFT ON THIS PLANET.

SEVENTEEN CENTURIES OF ETHNIC CLEANSING?



EVEN
SO...

IT WAS
A MATTER
OF TIME BEFORE
THEY SAW HIS
WORDS WERE
MORE THAN A
CHILD'S
BABBLE.

ZEKE
WOULD
SURELY
TELL
MARLEY
EVERY-
THING.

THERE
WAS NO
WAY I
COULD LET
HER FALL
INTO OUR
ENEMIES'
HANDS.

NOT
THAT I
ASKED
HER, OF
COURSE
...

HONESTLY,
BEING
TURNED INTO
A MAN-EATING
MONSTER
MIGHT BE
PREFERABLE
TO THAT.

WOULD
YOU PREFER
SHE SPEND
THE REST OF
HER LIFE FORCED
TO BEAR
CHILDREN
FOR HER
ENEMY?

EVEN
SO?

I
THINK
I MADE
THE
RIGHT
CHOICE.

BUT
SEEING
HER IN
THOSE
LAST MO-
MENTS
...







LOOK
AT
THAT.



THE
MAN WHO
DELIGHTED
IN FEEDING
MY SISTER
TO
DOGS...



...WAS
JUST
EATEN
ALIVE
BY A
TITAN.



THERE'S
NO BETTER
REVENGE
THAT I
COULD HAVE
GOTTEN
THAN THIS.



YOU
ASKED
ME IF I
ENJOYED
WATCHING
HIM DIE.



I COULDN'T
BEAR TO HEAR
THE REPULSIVE
SCREAMS HE
MADE AS HE
DIED AN
AGONIZING
DEATH.

NO, I
DIDN'T.



I WAS
JUST...
FRIGHT-
ENED.

I FELT
THE SAME WAY
WHEN YOU WERE
CRUSHING YOUR
OWN MEN IN
YOUR HANDS.



THE
PAIN OF
HAVING
MY
FINGERS
CUT
OFF...

LOSING
MY WIFE
AND
SON,

LOSING
MY
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS,

HAVEN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL...



I...



YOU'VE
MADE A
TERRIBLE
MISCALCU-
LATION.

I'M
SORRY,
BUT...



I'M
S
O
R
R
Y.

I CAN'T
HATE
ANYTHING
ANYMORE.



IF I'D
KNOWN THIS
WAS THE
PRICE OF
FREEDOM...

I
NEVER
WOULD
HAVE
PAID
IT.



WAS A
SMART
MAN.

YOUR
FATHER...





YES, YOUR
FATHER. THE MAN
WHO SMILED AND
NODDED AT THE
AUTHORITIES, EVEN
THOUGH THEY BARELY
LIFTED A FINGER AFTER
HIS OWN DAUGHTER
WAS KILLED.



HE WAS
DESPERATE TO
MAKE SURE YOU
STAYED OFF
THE WRONG
PATH.



HE
WAS TRYING
NOT TO LOSE
ANY MORE OF
HIS FAMILY.



WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO SAY?

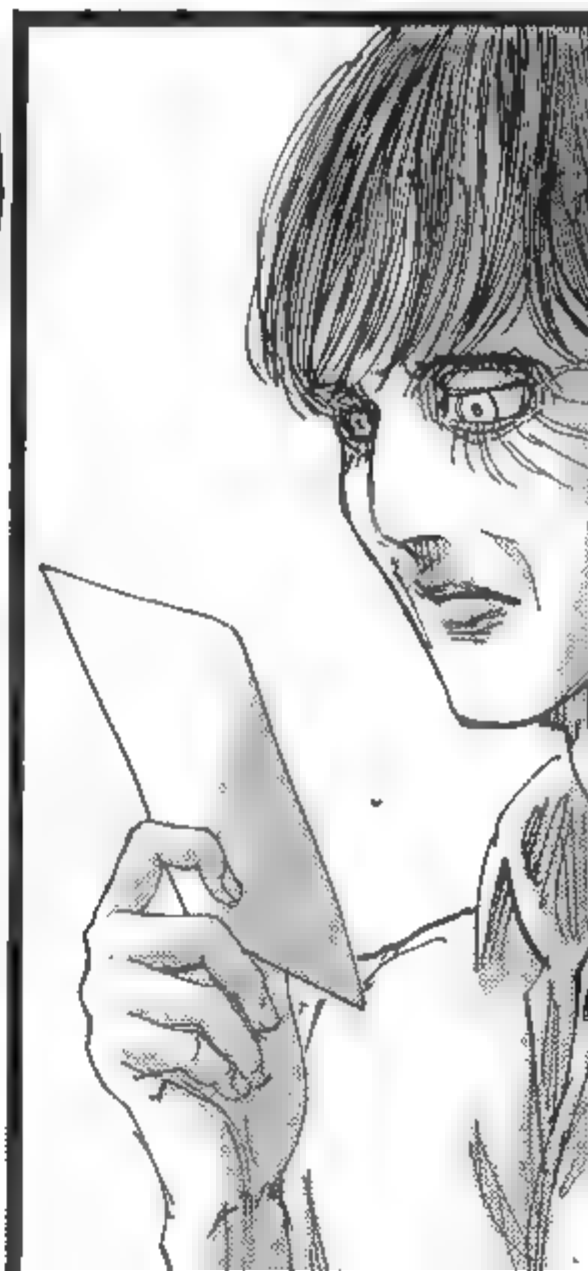


...HE
SHIPPED
HIS OWN
WIFE AND
SON
STRAIGHT
TO HELL

BUT
HIS SON
LEARNED
NOTHING
FROM HIM.
WORSE...











THAT'S
ENOUGH.



IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU WENT
PAST THE
WALL THAT
DAY.

THE MAIN
REASON I
CHOSE YOU
WASN'T BECAUSE
YOU HATED
MARLEY FAR
MORE THAN ANY
OTHER.



YOUR LITTLE
SISTER WOULD
BE AN ADULT
BY NOW,
PROBABLY
MARRIED.


IF YOU
HAD NEVER
GONE OUTSIDE
WITH YOUR
SISTER,

PERHAPS
SHE WOULD
BE A
MOTHER.

YOU
WOULD
HAVE
INHERITED
YOUR
FATHER'S
CLINIC,

YOU
WOULD
NEVER
HAVE
MET
DINA...

AND
ZEKE
WOULD
NEVER
HAVE
BEEN
BORN.




BUT YOU
WENT PAST THE
WALL.



FROM
THE DAY
YOU
BROUGHT
YOUR SISTER
OUTSIDE
THE
WALL...



FROM
THE FIRST
DAY I CAME
HERE TO KICK
MY COMPA-
TRIOTS TO
THEIR
DEATHS...




THERE'S
ONLY ONE
WAY TO PAY
THEM
BACK.

WE
SOUGHT
FREEDOM,
AND OUR
BROTHERS
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SISTERS
PAID THE
PRICE
FOR IT.



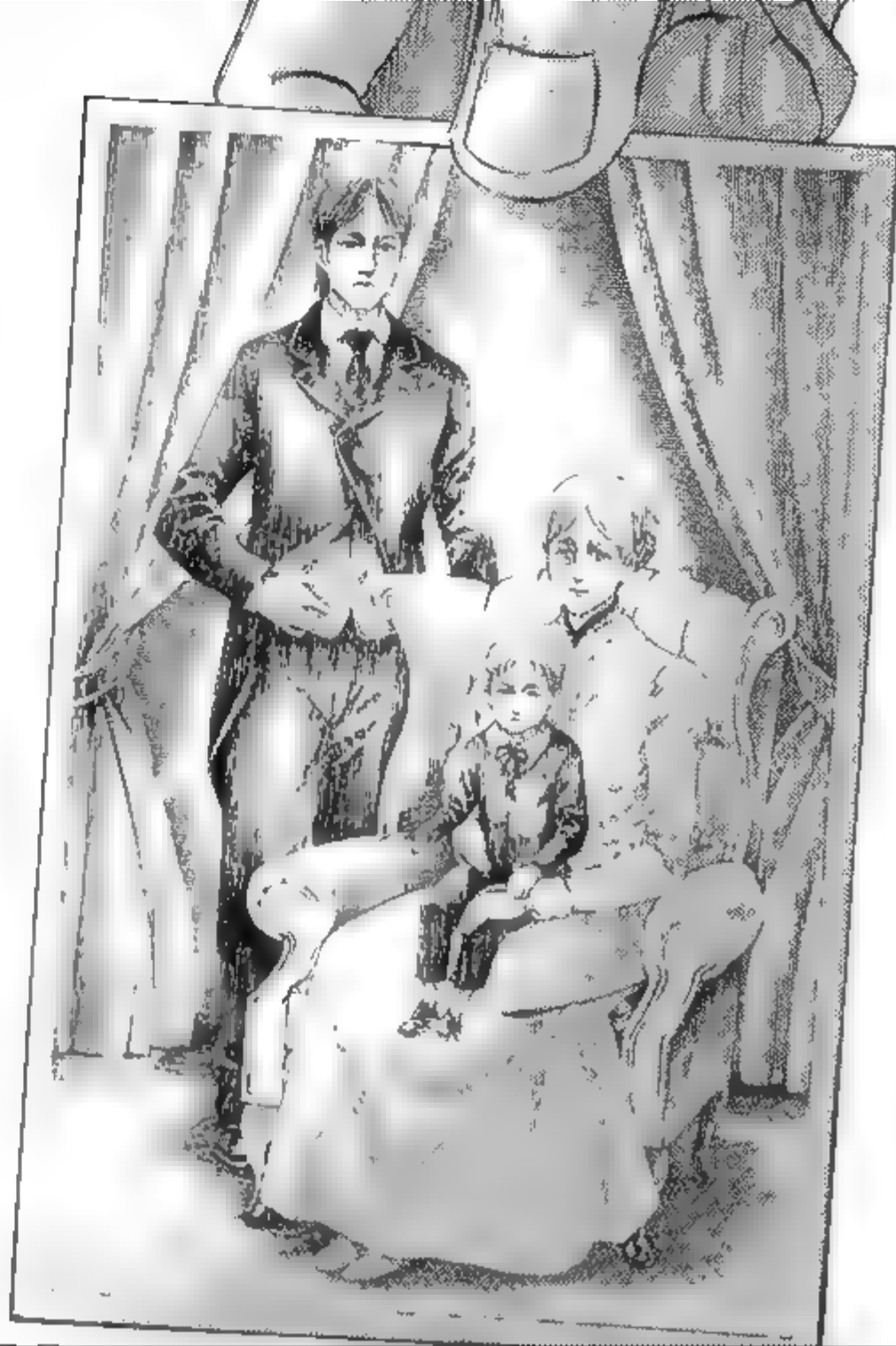
THOSE
ACTIONS
WILL FOLLOW
US UNTIL
THEY'RE
REPAID.



EVEN
IF WE
DIE,



EVEN
AFTER
WE DIE.







THAT
INCLUDES
THE ONE
YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
INHERIT
FROM ME.

EACH
OF THE
NINE TITANS
HAS A
NAME.



IN EVERY
ERA, THIS
TITAN...

...HAS
ALWAYS
MOVED
AHEAD,
SEEKING
FREEDOM.



IT HAS
FOUGHT
ON FOR
FREEDOM.





ITS
NAME...

...IS THE
ATTACK
TITAN.



ATTACK on TITAN